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Large Coastal Shark Commercial Fishing Season Closes August 21

BILOXI, Miss. – The large coastal shark commercial fishing season will close in Mississippi territorial waters Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 12:01 a.m., due to the semi-annual quota of 633,602 pounds having been met.

The closing of the commercial large and small coastal shark fishing season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, and by order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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